

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action electronically mailed January 16, 2007 (the "Office Action"). At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-16 were pending in the Application. The Office Action rejects Claims 1-7 and 10-11, objects to Claims 8-9 and 12 and allows Claims 13-16. Applicants amend Claims 1 and 10 and cancel Claims 9 and 12. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 13-16 and indication that Claims 8-9 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 10 to recite elements of allowable Claims 9 and 12, respectfully. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 and 10 and all claims depending therefrom are allowable of the cited art used in the rejections and request that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the present application is not allowed and/or if one or more of the rejections is maintained, Applicants hereby request a telephone conference with the Examiner and further requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to schedule the telephone conference.

No fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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